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VICE ADMIRAL JAMES FIFE, U. S. N.

11 March 1953

My dear Rafe:

Many thanks for your kind and gracious letter of 3 March which reached me this morning upon my return from a quick trip to the west coast.

I leave here early next Monday morning for Malta and am sure that the assignment will be an interesting one though probably less active than my past three years in the Pentagon. Maybe this is just as well.

Until we meet again, my kindest to you and yours as always -

Most sincerely yours,

*Jimmie*

Commodore R. W. Bates  
Naval War College  
Newport, Rhode Island

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Dear Commodore:

My apologies for not reporting in earlier. I had the best intentions but what with one thing and another the weeks have slipped by.

We had a marvelous trip across, with a most pleasant interlude in New Orleans, where we sampled some of George Phelan's favorite foods. As might be expected we became impatient as California drew near and finally drove over seven hundred miles the last day to arrive around nine or ten P.M. Immediately called my daughter who informed us that she was not feeling well, so the next day drove out to the school and brought her home where she shortly broke out with a rather severe case of measles, doubtless contracted from some of her pupils. Taking care of her kept us fairly busy for the next ten days, after which we began looking for a house. While trying to decide on a place, my son received his orders to the Far East and our daughter-in-law announced that she would like to stay here in California during his absence, provided she could live very near us. The upshot was that we went back to Manhattan Beach and bought another house, with an apartment for our daughter in law and her two children. Prior to leaving Newport both Fay and myself were quite definite that (a) we would not live at the beach, (b) would not live on a sand lot, and (c) would not live in a two story house. As expected, this place has all three, but my son and his family are well pleased and of course we will have the grandchildren with us for at least a year.

My daughter Janet is likewise very happy as she loves the beach. She is still planning on getting married in the winter and will probably live not too far away. We have been extremely

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busy preparing the place for occupancy which in our case always involves a lot of painting and carpentering. Fortunately we both like that sort of thing. After we get settled we will doubtless renew old friendships and connections here. Fay is already planning on Navy Relief work at Long Beach, while I will probably try to complete my studies in Russian, while working on a book on Intelligence which George and I have discussed over the years.

I have missed the office and particularly my association with you tremendously. Thanks to your understanding and guidance my duty under you has been one of the highlights of my service and will always be treasured. I constantly think of your task of writing the second and third volumes dealing with the adventures of Halsey and Kincaid and their treatment of Toyoda and Kurita. It is a fascinating subject and one which I am convinced must be adequately treated. I feel very strongly that, economy to the contrary, it would be a definite loss to the Service if you did not complete this particular study, giving to it not only your great experience but also your talents as an analyst. I shall be deeply interested and concerned in the future developments of the study and will be only too glad to help in any way I can.

Please convey my sincere regards to brothers Hindman, Marinke and Bowker, as well as Burton and company.

Fay joins me in hoping that your health continues good and with every wish for your continued success.

Respectfully,



P.S. My new address will be 225--3rd St. Manhattan Beach, Calif. where we would be delighted to see you if you ever get close to Southern California.

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April 22 1953

~~Answered~~  
RWB

Dear Batsy

You always were a first class correspondent and I never have been. When I wrote you I thought Persh was going to stay here but apparently she made up her mind as far as I know that she didn't really want to and we are all leaving here on or before the 13th to go to London where our headquarters will be at 47 Grosvenor Square until after the coronation. What we will do after that I don't know but I think we may do a little wandering about to see places we all have not seen.

I have known about the red changes in Newport lately and that with those

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which will lead all already used on  
will make quite a difference to us  
& the place will not quite run the  
same again. The Reading Room will  
miss Edgar Phelps badly & Marguerite  
feels very sad about the loss of her friends.

As you probably know made up  
our minds to put Beachwood on the  
market. It is too big for us now that  
the children are married. I am afraid  
most other people have the same idea;  
but the location is good & that may help.  
When we come to Newport Perle will  
always welcome us as we are not really  
abandoning that attractive resort as  
well as a home town just yet. I would  
dearly love to be back there for this  
summer but we will probably give  
up travelling soon, I am sure & I  
& I begin to wonder how much longer

I will really enjoy wondering.

You make me wish I could join you all in that pool Tournament & then begin to get back my game of Bottei (how the hell do you spell it?)

I am very very to hear about your father & mother, no matter when it happens it comes hard and you have my sincerest sympathy. I lost both of mine when I was a little kid.

Over here we had a pretty tough winter until after the middle of March, but since then the weather could not have been better. Spring flowers are already showing & if the warm weather lasts should be fully out the end of next week.

Please give my best to all my old friends, and ask them sometime.

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When you are there and they are to  
to have a drink on me for old times  
sake. You act for me & the club will  
I know to the cure of it. I am still a  
member in good standing & they know  
how to reach me. Come to think of it I  
won't be here as we go to 47 Grosvenor  
Square on the 13<sup>th</sup> as I have already told you.

Ike is doing damned well & I think,  
judging by the newspapers, a change  
is taking place in the Soviet and we  
may have peace in time. It takes  
a long time to make a native of the  
far east - ~~to~~ change his mind in any  
kind of an argument, or to get him to  
let you know what he will really do.

Remember Butcher's poem of the  
Heavenly Chalice.

Again with my best to you and to  
all my friends

Yours as ever  
George Zorn





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ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO

April 27, 1953

Dear Rafe:

We were glad to get your letters of February 11th and March 31st. It has been on my mind to write you for sometime, but business at the Embassy has been flourishing and the social activities of Manila are in themselves almost enough for a full time job. Now with the advent of the hot season I have ensconced Margaret in Baguio and commute week-ends myself. This enables me to dodge most social events in Manila during the middle of the week and all of them at the end of it. Personally, I would gladly sell the climate of Manila to anyone who wanted it for a plugged nickel. January and, to some extent, February, have been the only comfortable months since I have been here.

The political situation in the Philippines is gathering momentum and becoming increasingly interesting. The latest news is that Romulo will arrive back shortly and will become Acting Secretary of Foreign Affairs when Elizalde leaves for the coronation and a little well earned and much needed vacation in connection therewith. Romulo is to be the keynote speaker for the Liberal Convention on May 24th.

Quirino's health is far from good, he is not popular with the mass of the Filipino people, and I think there is a fair possibility that he may decline the nomination on account of poor physical condition. In that case Romulo, with his eloquence, could be given the presidential nomination, with the vice going to someone from the Visayas, say Fernando Lopez.

Quirino has been attacking the Embassy, as you know, as being in favor of Magsaysay. At this same time, he is trying to continue to appear as pro-American. The only way that he can accomplish this is to prove that he is in favor in Washington and that the Embassy here does not represent the views of our Administration. This is where I figure that Romulo comes into the picture. Romulo is very highly thought of and popular in the United States, but I doubt if he has much hold on the Filipino people.

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By a recent deal the Liberals detached two Nacionalista Senators, Osias and Zulueta, from their opponents. This gave them control of the Senate. Now they plan to pass their various appropriation bills in such a manner as to give them ample funds for the coming campaign and probably to leave the Treasury bare; but I still think that, given a free and honest election, Maysaysay can win. The probabilities are, however, that nothing will be left undone by the Liberals to win the election.

I do not agree with your views of Laurel. In my opinion he is an honest and patriotic Filipino, who during the war did the best he could to stand between his people and the Japanese. He has courage, intelligence and civic spirit, and he has never used his positions to grow rich, as so many politicians here have. I used to hold your views of Laurel, but my observations of his conduct since I have been here, as well as my personal contacts with him, have caused me to change.

I was very sorry to hear about your mother's death and your father's accident. My father had a similar fracture at the age of seventy-two. He had a bad heart, and he lasted only about four months after the fall which caused the fracture. Given a good heart, he probably would have recovered.

We enjoyed seeing your friends, Mr. and Mrs. Wyman Taylor. There are a great many interesting people coming through Manila, and meeting them is one of the pleasant parts of the job. If it were not for the heat, I would not mind remaining here as long as I am needed, as the work is extremely interesting. The normal two year tour for Americans on official business in the Philippines seems to me to be about right for most people.

With best wishes from Margaret and myself,

Sincerely yours



Raymond A. Spruance

Rear Admiral R. W. Bates, U.S.N. (Ret.)  
U. S. Naval War College  
Newport, Rhode Island

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30 April 1953

Commodore R.W. Bates, USN,  
U. S. Naval War College,  
Newport, R. I.

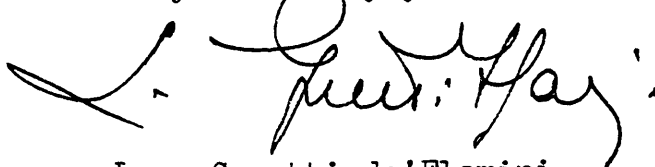
Dear Commodore Bates:

As you certainly noticed, I was certainly very pleased to renew acquaintances with you, and to spend some pleasant hours with you.

I noted that you are rather interested in Italian problems, and therefore I am taking the liberty of sending you a copy of my little speech there, even though you did me the honor of attending.

Please accept, Sir, my sincerest regards with this token of my respect and gratitude.

Very sincerely yours,



Luca Goretti de'Flamini  
Captain, Italian Navy  
Italian Naval Attache

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London May 9<sup>th</sup> 1953

Dear Batey

Don't be surprised by anything you hear about Perle as far as rumour about her activities go. You will without doubt hear many things or see rumour in the papers. Just at present we are all here in London at 47 Grosvenor Square & will be for quite a while probably until early July & perhaps later although both Ladies want to travel so there is no telling what may happen after the coronation is over and we have recovered from the big party Perle is giving after that event.

There is talk as you have probably seen in the papers of our taking a trip around the world on our way home if conditions are not too unfavorable when that time comes. We naturally would not start until summer is over as far as I can tell but in the meantime she is waiting for

The dinnered sheets stack together so secure  
the inside.  
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the Russians to give her a visa to  
 enter the country so she can take advantage  
 of the invitation received from their ambassador  
 in Brussels. I am wondering if that will  
 ever come & if it does whether other  
 plans will not interfere with it for we  
 are not going to sit like bumps on a log  
 waiting the pleasure of that damned  
 communistic outfit. Anyway whatever  
 to phone I hope to see you before this  
 year is ended & be able to shake your  
 hand and many other hands at The  
 Reading Room as a preliminary to a  
 festive round. I don't think I am in any  
 way indulging over here. I really limit  
 myself <sup>at parties</sup> to one cocktail usually a Scotch on  
 the rocks or an old fashioned, but I do  
 like the really good wines particularly  
 really good Moselle & French red wines  
 when I am having a good dinner, & in  
 Paris I did just that on red wine & in  
 Luxembourg & Germany on the Moselles which  
 the Colonel & I took a lot of trouble to get  
 & usually got them direct from growers as

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well dealers & get them at a fraction  
of what they sold for at the restaurant  
a year or two later.

Is there any doubt about the Reading  
Room finally receiving that bequest. If it  
is sure why cant they raise what they  
need by a sort of post-obit at the bank.  
I hope to send them something later on  
but just at present with the plans in  
view & Uncle Sam's heavy hand I have  
to be careful.

If Perle goes to Russia the papers  
will all have a lot to say about it and  
perhaps she may have something  
interesting to tell us as well as to tell  
them for you know she is quite outspoken  
but is pretty tactful.

I can well appreciate why Bill  
would not a beautiful restaurant  
put up right in front of his house  
Newport was growing as a sight seeing  
resort for motorists before we came over  
here & during the summer that certainly

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would make for a better conjecture than  
even especially during the summer.  
This place is such a lovely one it would  
be a shame to have a development like  
that.

What is Joe Frazier going to do?  
I saw him in The Ritz in Paris one  
day & he certainly looked well & fit - &  
cheerful.

Summer & Spring have been  
slow here in Britain. I he trees the  
early rhododendrons are out - but  
the oaks are only beginning. I he tulips  
in Kew Gardens are beautiful & the  
early blossoming trees are pretty well  
out. Kew Gardens will be better in  
about a week & the country is certainly  
lovely but it stays cold between 50 & 60  
every day. In fact - the paper said the  
other day that the last 8 months had been  
the coldest - since 1888 & perhaps even colder  
than that year.

We all enjoyed the news of Humphreys but  
feel very sad about the wonderful people who  
have left us. With kindest regards from all of us.

Yours as ever  
George Gurn

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**ENGAGEMENT TOLD**—Capt. Edward Everett Hazlett, USN, ret., and Mrs. Hazlett, of Chapel Hill, N.C., announce the engagement of their daughter, Alice Mott Hazlett, to Jonas Warren Kessing, son of Commodore Oliver Owen Kessing, USN, ret., and Mrs. Kessing, of Coronado. A Pi Beta Phi Sorority member, Miss Hazlett is a graduate of Stuart Hall, Staunton, Va. She and her fiance will be graduated this year from the University of North Carolina. Her fiance is a Coronado High graduate, and a member of Chi Psi Fraternity. A late summer wedding is planned.



CAPTAIN E. E. HAZLETT, JR., U.S.N. (RET.)

FOREST HILLS, CHAPEL HILL, N. C.

Monday, 11 May.

Dear Papa,

I deeply appreciated your sending me the rope on Speeds. As always - your ever-thoughtful self! He was a prince of princes and the world is the loser by his passing. As you may recall, Speeds and I were stricken with Coronaries within a month of each other, both from the same Section of Bu Nav. We were hospital mates for months - and grew even closer friends than we had been. There are very few men that I loved more. Our doctor told me then that Speeds would live a maximum of 3 years - but (that was in '38) he cheated them (God bless him) out of an additional 12.

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Tom Hamilton informed me the day it happened, so I was able to send flowers - and I wrote Kay at once. Have had no details yet.

I can't remember whether or not I've written you since the death of your Father. Our household has been in a bit of a turmoil, too, because of the passing of Abby's mother. But I'm sure you know you have our deepest sympathy. You have sure been taking it on the chin of late, but I'm no doubt your moral is up - as always!

Alice & Tom are still planning on matrimony in late August, as soon as Tom can qualify for a Commission. Being involved with the Catholic Church, it may not be the kind of wedding we'd like to have, but we all hope you'll come down anyway. Abby & Alice join me in love to a grand guy. Sweden

THE NATIONAL COMMANDER  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 13, 1953

Dear Commodore Bates:

Just a note to thank you for your courtesy and  
thoughtfulness in making my return to Newport pleasurable  
and profitable. I hope to have the pleasure of  
seeing you again before too long.

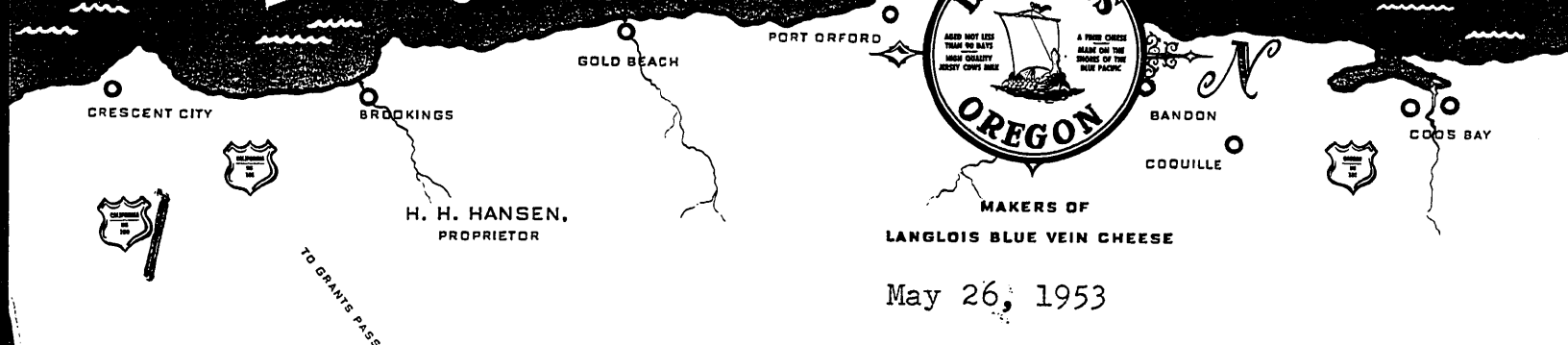
Cordially,

*Lewis Gough*

Commodore Richard Bates  
Naval War College  
Newport, Rhode Island

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# Langlois Cheese Makers



May 26, 1953

R. W. Bates  
Naval War College  
Newport, R.I.

Dear Mr. Bates:

Thank you for your inquiry and your check in the amount of one dollar and eighty cents (\$1.80).

With reference to your inquiry of the salty taste to the Langlois Blue Vein cheese, we have always salted the cheese during the first five days after it has been made. The salt is not put in the cheese directly but each wheel is rolled in flake salt for flavoring purposes only.

It happens that periodically someone will write us stating their cheese was too salty and we have had them return the cheese and have made replacement of same. It rarely happens that a wheel of cheese absorbs too much salt but we can assure you we have not changed the method in making Langlois Blue Vein cheese. Apparently the Reading Room had the misfortune of receiving one of the few salty ones.

We sincerely hope the balance of your order will prove more satisfactory.

Sincerely yours,

LANGLOIS CHEESE MAKERS

*W. A. Bond*  
W. A. Bond  
Office Manager

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JOHN J. BERGEN  
40 WALL STREET  
NEW YORK 5, N.Y.

2 June 1953

Dear Rafe:

Many thanks for your telegram. The press  
was correct. I had quite a day (yesterday)  
at Villanova, and am very proud of my LHD.  
Kindest regards to you, Rafe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jack". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Rear Admiral R.W. Bates, USN (Ret.)  
Naval War College  
Newport, Rhode Island

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JOHN J. BERGEN  
40 WALL STREET  
NEW YORK 5, N.Y.

8 June 1953

Dear Rafe:

I received a letter from you today. However, the salutation read "Dear General." I presume it was meant for me, but why the General?

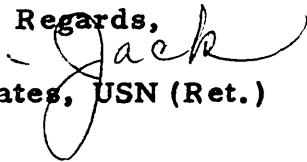
The only reason why I was not present at the unveiling of the bust of Admiral Conolly a few days ago was because I did not know anything about it. If I had, you can be sure I would have been there with or without an invitation.

The clipping which you enclosed from the Winchell column has caused me no end of grief, as letters have poured in from all over the country which has added to the burden of replying to correspondence. Of course, his facts were somewhat mixed up. Dick Conolly's award is Honorary Doctor of Law, and my award is Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters; and, this is to advise you that both of us expect a greater respect by you for us from now on.

I agree with you - the Yanks are doing alright, and so is Cleveland. As I told you earlier in the season, Cleveland is the team for us to lick.

I am going to Newport this afternoon for the graduation exercises tomorrow. Sec.-Nav. is picking me up in his plane some time during the afternoon, and we expect to arrive at the President's house between 1700 and 1800. Will see you then.

Regards,



Rear Admiral R. W. Bates, USN (Ret.)  
Naval War College  
Newport, Rhode Island

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Rear Admiral R.W. Bates  
Naval War College  
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 28th and, subsequently, the two hats sent us.

We are proceeding with the renovation of your soft Felt hat. Examination shows that the straw hat is broken on the brim and crown and because of these breaks we cannot accept the hat for repair. We shall hold it awaiting your further instructions as to its disposition.

Yours respectfully,

BROOKS BROTHERS

*J.H. Smith*  
J.H. Smith  
Correspondent

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#6 Green St.,  
Marblehead, Mass  
4 July, 1953.

Dear Rafe:-

I think I could no better celebrate the Fourth than by writing to you. You may recall that one year ago today you ~~was~~ invited me to the Clam bake Club for luncheon. Also, I want to write in acknowledgement of your kind note of 30 June.

You were thoughtful to write and generous in what you said. Of course, I hated to haul down. After some 42 years working for one boss one either like the job or has darned little imagination.

I bear the Navy and those in it much affection and that accounts for my staying around as long as I did. I would liked to have gone farther, but I realize full well that all cannot reach the top. Ad. King once told me I had a serious defect in military character. "You are not a son-of-a-bitch", said he. My reply - "I would prefer to know when to be an s-o-b - rather than be one all the while, And besides Ad. King you are a

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great moral of new and never had  
anyone call you an s-o-b!! He  
got up and stomped out of my  
sea cabin! Well - I was reasonably  
successful, and I still have my self  
respect and I can look them all  
in the eye and say, I think, with  
truth that in getting where I did,  
I never "broke anyone's rice bowl"  
as the Chinese say. Some, Rope,  
cannot say that.

You were kind to mention John  
Hancock - They came to me. And Jim  
going to like it I think. They have  
given me a fine office, a greatly  
worth while salary and I have been  
most cordially welcomed by one and  
all. And I was a bit afraid of that.  
My first question when propositioned  
was whether or not I was under  
cutting some one now in service who  
might reasonably expected to be  
made ~~of~~ an officer of the company and,  
do what was in store for me. I received

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a f~~or~~ "no" to that. The President told me that my job was his idea and that no one was now doing the job he had in mind for me. If you come to Boston come to 200 Berkeley St. and you will see one of the finest office buildings in the U.S. — and me. I was sworn in as an officer of the company (Mass. law requires the oath) on 1 July 20 as I write my back has been turned on the Navy that is still in my heart! It is a great change but I shall give it the old Navy try.

Tim Brown and Kendall Preston came to my "haul down" which took place on the "Constitution". It was kind of them to show. It seems difficult to realize that 42 years ago this summer we were plebes at the Academy and you were entertaining us with your songs to the soft accompaniment of that strange Hawaiian instrument. It has been a great life and you, my dear Rafe, since that summer I have always regarded as a friend — as a lone. Estelle joins in sending all good wishes.

Sincerely  
Tom McAn

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MRS. WALTER S. DANGIELOWICZ  
73 ELMDALE AVENUE  
PROVIDENCE 9, RHODE ISLAND

August 4, 1953

Mr. Kenneth D. MacColl,  
c/o Donald M. Jackson, Sr.,  
Seal Harbor, Maine.

Dear Mr. MacColl:

Confirming our conversation yesterday concerning my husband, I am furnishing below information you will probably need when you have an opportunity to contact your friend in Newport:

Name: Walter Stanley Dangelowicz (pronounced Dan - jello' - wits)  
Rating: Chief Metalsmith  
Service Number: 201-72-03  
Now Aboard: USS Bennington (CVA-20) (an aircraft carrier)

Walter has had 11 years of sea duty and 2 years of shore duty, and we would appreciate it more than we can say if he could get a transfer to:-

- 1) A shore station at Quonset or Newport, or to
- 2) The Narragansett Underway Training Command (in Newport), or to
- 3) A destroyer tender, or to
- 4) Any other duty where he'll be in or around the Newport area.

The Bennington will be coming into Quonset or Newport on or about August 17th, and after about 3 weeks will be leaving again for Europe for approximately six months, so if a transfer is possible, we most earnestly hope it will take place before the ship departs for the Mediterranean.

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MRS. WALTER S. DANGIELOWICZ  
73 ELMDALE AVENUE  
PROVIDENCE 9, RHODE ISLAND

Mr. MacColl, I realize of course, that you cannot guarantee a transfer for Walter closer to home, but I want you to know that your willingness and kind offer to try and help us means a great deal to me, more than I can ever say.

Knowing full well how busy you are, I hesitated to ask you before this because I did not want to trouble you with this matter, but this transfer means a great deal to Walter and me and anything you can do for us will be greatly appreciated.

I hope you enjoy every minute of your vacation in Maine, and look forward to seeing you after you return.

Very gratefully yours,

*Wigue*

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